

MINUTES

.... of the

One Hundred and Eleventh Session

.... of the

OCMULGEE ASSOCIATION

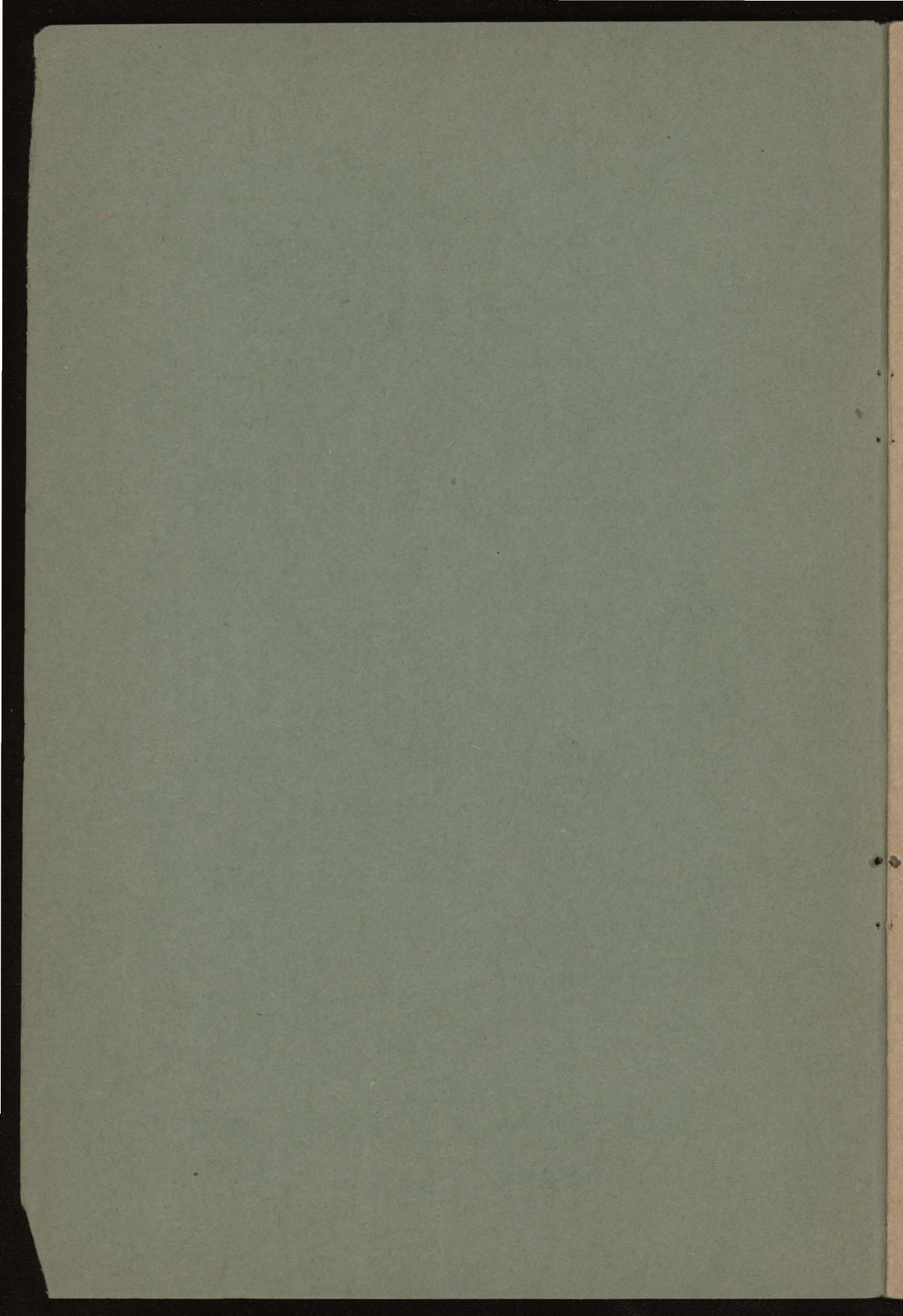
Held With the

CHURCH AT EPHEBUS

Monroe County, Georgia

September 9, 10, and 11

1921



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Of the one hundred and eleventh session of the Ocmulgee Association of Old School Baptists held with the church at Ephesus, Monroe county, Georgia, September 9th, 10th and 11th, 1921

1st. Friday September, 9th—Preaching at 10:30 by Elder T. J. Head from Yellow River. Text, 2nd Tim., 4th chapter, first four verses.

2nd. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, prayer by Elder V. B. White, of Yellow River Association.

3rd. Called for letters from different churches and read letters from ten churches, which were read by Elders J. A. Monsees, T. G. Wright, J. A. Adams and enrolled messengers names as follows:

Shoal Creek—Elder J. D. Curtis.

Mount Zion—C. W. Bragg, B. M. Green and Otis Bachelor.

Mount Pleasant—J. M. Tyner, T. C. Hammock.

Crooked Creek—E. E. Carter, C. M. Hudson.

New Hope—B. R. Jarrell, T. J. Bazemore, Elder W. J. Green.

Ephesus—W. M. Jackson, D. F. Jackson, W. J. Souther

County Line—J. L. Lawrence, J. W. Hardin.

Smyrna—G. W. Webb, J. N. Zellner, J. W. Newton.

Camp Creek—W. H. Ivey, J. T. King.

Fellowship—W. L. Lane.

Enon—Sister M. E. Hitchcock.

4th. Appointed Elder J. D. Curtis Moderator and J. W. Newton Clerk.

5th. Extended an invitation to visiting members to seats with us.

6th. Agreed to take up business as in our former sessions.

7th. On motion our Decorum was not read.

8th. Extended an invitation for petitionary letters for membership with us. None presented.

9th. On motion the following committees were appointed:

On preaching—T. J. Bazemore, J. M. Tyner, G. W. Webb.

On finance—J. T. King, C. M. Hudson, C. W. Bragg.

10th. To write the corresponding letter, C. W. Bragg, J. W. Hardin, J. W. Newton.

11th. To write our next circular letter, C. M. Hudson.

12th. To examine and report on our present circular letter, Elder W. J. Green, Bro. B. R. Jarrell.

13th. Called for correspondence from sister associations with whom we correspond and received as follows:

From the Yellow River—Elders T. J. Head, J. F. Mosse, V. B. White and Brother J. O. Adams, Minutes.

Oconee—Elder W. L. Allen and package minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—J. J. McArthur and Minutes.

Marietta—Minutes.

Echeconnee—Elders J. A. Monsees, T. G. Wright, J. T. Reynolds, and brethren J. B. Parker, A. S. Kersey, R. E. Wright, J. B. Elliott.

Primitive Western—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes.

Lotts Creek—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

14th. Appointed correspondents to our sister associations with whom we correspond as follows:

To the Yellow River—Elder J. D. Curtis.

Echeconnee—Elder W. J. Green, T. C. Hammock, brother J. T. King, C. W. Bragg, T. J. Bazemore.

Primitive Ebenezer—C. W. Bragg.

Marietta—Send minutes.

Primitive Western—Send minutes.

Oconee—Elders W. J. Green, J. D. Curtis, Brother C. M. Hudson.

Lotts Creek—Elder W. J. Green.

Kehukee—Send Minutes.

Delaware River—Send Minutes.

Warwick—Send Minutes.

15th. On motion business session adjourned to 8:30 Saturday morning, September 10th. Prayer offered by Elder T. G. Wright.

16th. The following elders were appointed to preach after one hour's intermission for dinner: Elder T. G. Wright from the Echeconnee Association followed by Elder J. A. Adams from the Harmony Association.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 8:30 A. M.

The Association convened according to previous appointment after singing a hymn and prayer by Elder J. F. Moss.

17th. Called for further correspondence received. C. M. Meek, B. F. Miller, T. J. Stembridge.

18th. Called for visiting brethren with whom we do not correspond and received as follows: Elder J. A. Adams from the Harmony Association.

19th. Called for corresponding letter, which was read, received and adopted.

20th. Called for report on circular letter, which was favorable. The letter was read and adopted as written by brother J. M. Tyner.

21st. Appointed our Union meeting to be held with the church at New Hope, Jones county, Georgia, commencing Friday before the 5th Sunday in April, 1922.

22nd. Appointed the next session of our Association to be with the church at Crooked Creek, Putnam county, Georgia, Commencing Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1922.

23rd. We extend to the brethren, sisters and friends who so kindly cared for us during our session our heartfelt thanks, feeling and believing that the Giver of every good and perfect gift will richly reward them for their hospitality.

24th. Called for miscellaneous business of any kind that will be of interest to the cause we have espoused, and on motion our Articles of Faith be printed in these minutes.

25th. The funds for minutes were called for, which was turned over to the Finance Committee, who distributed to the different churches the corresponding minutes to the same.

26th. Agreed to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed in our usual way.

27th. Minutes were read and approved.

28th. The Association adjourned to the time and place for holding our next session. Prayer by Elder J. R. Hunt.

ELDER J. D. CURTIS, Moderator.

J. W. NEWTON, Clerk.

The Ocmulgee Old School Baptist Association in session with the church at Ephesus, Monroe county, Georgia, Sept. 9th, 10th and 11th, 1921, to the several Associations with which we correspond, we send love and Christian greetings. Dear Brethren: We desire to be thankful to God for the privilege of again meeting with our brethren who have come to us with messages of love and fellowship, which have been a great comfort to us, having come in love and in the fullness of the blessings of the Gospel. We desire a continuance of your correspondence by messengers and minutes.

Our next session is appointed to be held with the church at Crooked Creek, Putnam county, Georgia, seven miles east of Eatonton, on Central of Georgia railway, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1922, where we hope to meet you again.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Ocmulgee Association in its annual session, 1921, to the churches composing same, sends greetings.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ: It is through the providence, grace and mercy of an All-Wise God that our lives have been perpetuated to address you by way of circular letter.

We invite your attention to St. John, chapter 1, 29th verse: "Behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

Now then, Brethren and sisters, from information acquired by reading the Scriptures and as we hope by inspiration, we believe this lamb spoken of by John to be Christ, the Son of the true and living God.

We also believe He has ever been with the Father, because we read in the same epistle, "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God and the word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us." We also learn by reading and by inspiration that there was a covenant between the Father and the Son. That covenant was to save all His Father gave Him and should lose nothing, but raise them up in the last time.

Now having covenanted with the Father, He came into this sin-

smitten world; born in a manger, there being no room in the inn. He was wrapped in swathing clothes, took the form of man.

Sin accepted to be tempted of the devil. He came under the law to redeem those that were under the law.

He died that we might live, having left the climes of Glory to fulfill His covenant. With the Father, we hear Him saying, "Come unto Me ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Come learn of Me, my yoke is easy, my burden is light."

Brethren, we believe that when we have learned of Him by revelation of His spirit in our poor heart or by the new birth as He taught Nicodemus, we are then subject to His commands, for we hear Him saying, "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. I will put my laws into their minds and write them in their hearts. I will be unto them a God and they shall be unto Me a people."

When this is done there is no excuse for slothfulness in the militant church of Christ.

Again we hear Him saying, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

How are we to keep His commandments? By following Him through evil as well as good report, and by keeping His ordinances blameless by an orderly walk and Godly conversation.

Humbly submitted for inspection.

J. D. CURTIS, Moderator.

J. W. NEWTON, Clerk.

NOTE

We desire to go upon record as being opposed to the practice of some of holding weeks' meetings and the use of instrumental music in their worship, who claim to be Primitive Baptists. These practices are not Primitive, but are modern. The practice of holding weeks' meetings is the same spirit that caused the division in 1832. For this reason we oppose such meetings. As to instrumental music in church worship, we do not believe it to be a Gospel ordinance, but we do believe that the singing of Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs vocally is a Gospel ordinance.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, viz: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2nd. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5th. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, of his own free will and ability.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8th. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace, and shall never finally fall away.

9th. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

12th. We believe that ordained ministers, or such as have come under imposition of hands by a regular authorized presbytery, only have the right to administer the ordinances.

13th. We believe that the singing of Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs vocally is an ordinance of the Gospel to be performed by believers.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, a. m.—Elder T. J. Head, from the Yellow River Association. Afternoon, Elder T. G. Wright, from the Echeconnee Association, followed by Elder J. A. Adams, from the Harmony Association.

Saturday, 10 o'clock, a. m.—Elder V. B. White, from the Yellow River Association, followed by J. T. Reynolds, from the Echeconnee. 2 o'clock p. m., Elder W. L. Allen, from the Oconee, followed by Elder J. F. Moss, from the Yellow River.

Sunday, 10 o'clock a. m.—Elder J. R. Hunt, from the Echeconnee, followed by Elder V. B. White, of the Yellow River, and W. J. Green.

LIST OF MINISTERS.

Elder J. D. Curtis, Mansfield, Ga.

Elder J. H. Gresham, Round Oak, Ga.

Elder J. T. Glover, Round Oak, Ga.

Elder W. J. Green, Gray, Ga.

Licentiate T. C. Hammock, Gray, Ga.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	CHURCH CLERK	PASTORS	Rec. by Ex. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Time of Meeting	Money for Minutes
Crooked Creek	E. E. Carter, C. M. Hudson	C. M. Hudson, Eatonton	W. J. Green	1	17	1	1	1	17	1 1	50
County Line	J. W. Harding, J. L. Lawrence	J. L. Lawrence, Monticello	J. T. Glover	9	39	1	1	1	39	1 3	50
Camp Creek	W. H. Ivey, J. T. King	J. T. Turner, Milledgeville	W. J. Green	12	3	1	1	1	15	2 1	00
Ephesus	W. M. Jackson, W. J. Souther, D. F. Jackson	W. M. Jackson, Forsyth	J. R. Hunt	2	1	1	1	1	1	1 0	00
Enon	Sister M. E. Hitchcock		No Supply								
Fellowship	W. L. Lane	J. W. McElheny, Round Oak	J. F. Moss		17				17	3 1	00
New Hope	T. J. Bazemore, B. R. Jarrell, Elder W. J. Green	B. R. Jarrell, Round Oak	B. F. Williamson							43	00
Mount Zion	B. M. Green, C. W. Bragg, Otis Bachelor	W. M. James, Gray, Georgia	B. F. Williamson	5	1				42	3 3	50
Mt. Pleasant	J. M. Tyner, T. C. Hammock	J. M. Tyner, Wayside, Georgia	G. T. Wright	1	2				26	2 1	50
Shoal Creek	Elder J. D. Curtis	J. W. Curtis, Rutledge, Georgia	J. A. Monsees	1	2				26	4 2	00
Smayna	G. W. Webb, J. N. Zellner, J. W. Newton	G. W. Webb, Forsyth, Georgia	G. T. Wright	1	1				1	26	4 3
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